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SEPTEMBER — LAKE MERCED — TRIP

The San Francisco Zoological Gardens permitted us to enter the grounds soon after 8:30 A.M. (before the official opening hour) Saturday, September 15. Before entering the gates we saw on the grounds one, possibly two, Yellow Warblers. Within, the items of interest were the Flamingos, the Maribu Storks, the Sandhill and Demoiselle Cranes, a Mandarin Duck and the Penguins with small scale-like feathers which may be an example of retrograde evolution. At Lake Merced it was too early in the season to see water-birds in quantity. Lunch was eaten here and the party of twelve moved to the redwood section of the Arboretum in Golden Gate Park, entering through the gate on Lincoln Way near 14th Ave. At the pond in the California Section an Anthony Green Heron posed on a branch until we all could get a fine view. Next, the Cliff House. Heermann Gulls were plentiful, and there were many Black Turnstones on the rocks, with the usual numbers of Brown Pelicans and Cormorants for this time of year.

The following 35 species were recorded for the day;

Eared grebe
Western grebe
Pied-billed grebe
Brown pelican
Double-crested (Farallon) cormorant
Brant cormorant
Anthony green heron
Mallard
Ruddy duck
Calif. quail
Amer. coot
Killdeer
Surf-bird
Black turnstone
Western gull
Calif. gull
Heerman gull
Anna hummingbird
Red-shafted flicker
Black phoebe
Western flycatcher
Chestnut-bk. chickadee
Red-brested nuthatch
Bewick wren
Robin
Olive-bk. (russet) thrush
Hutton vireo
Orange-cr. warbler
Yellow warbler
House sparrow
Brewer blackbird
Purple finch
Amer. goldfinch
Oregon junco
White-cr. sparrow

The weather was cloudy, pleasant, with haze, no wind, and rather high humidity.

E. A. MAYERS, *Leader and Historian*

AUGUST — REDWOOD CANYON — TRIP

On Saturday, August 25, thirteen members and guests met at Orchard Park and proceeded in a west-north-west direction through the Redwood Regional Park in Oakland from 10 a.m. to midday. The weather was sunny and warm as they sauntered through chaparral and wooded territory in their quest for wildlife. Deer tracks and a wing of a Steller jay were noted in addition to the following 23 species, seen or heard;

Turkey vulture
Red-tailed hawk
Calif. quail
Anna hummingbird
Red-shafted flicker
Nuttall woodpecker
Western flycatcher
Steller jay
Scrub jay
Chestnut-backed chickadee
Brown creeper
Wren-tit
Robin
Olive-bk. (russet) thrush
Hutton vireo
Orange-crowned warbler
Pileolated warbler
Purple finch
Amer. goldfinch
Spotted towhee
Brown towhee
Oregon junco
Song sparrow

MRS. W. B. STONE, *Historian*

OBSERVATIONS

Edited by Junea W. Kelly

One female Tolmie Warbler (dead) Sept. 1, Mt. View Cemetery, Oakland; One Northern phalarope, one spotted sandpiper, Sept. 3, Palace of Fine Arts' pool, San Francisco; One western gnatcatcher, Sept. 8, Redwood Regional Park, Oakland; one Barn Owl, Sept. 8, 73rd and MacArthur Blvd., Oak., Ken Schulz.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER SUPPER MEETING. The spacious lawn in the attractive garden of Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds, was covered with tables accommodating over 150 members and guests. After the tasty supper, Mr. James Berry favored us with refrains on his bagpipes, Mr. Lawrence Moore accompanied the community singing on his organ, Mr. Bert Harwell led the singing and whistled the lovely thrush's song. The "panel of experts" on Information, Please" lived up to it's reputation and furnished much enjoyment. The proceeds will be placed in the Scholarship Fund.

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NATURAL HISTORY magazine, September 1951 publishes "enjoy them while they last" by Ben East. Mr. East reviews the status of "our slaughtered shorebirds" and urges the preservation of "the vanishing wildlife of Alaska." Also under Conservation News, "Hope for the Sugar Pines". "The U. S. Forest Service is offering the Pickering Lumber Company certain other timber in exchange for . . . the finest Sugar Pines remaining in the world."

PACIFIC DISCOVERY, published by California Academy of Sciences, September - October, 1951 carries on the editorial page musings by Dr. Robert C. Miller, entitled "Bird Voices of the Autumn". . . "Nature has to be learned by ear as well as by eye. . . Indian summer has its own complement of musicians, and its own musical score which, lacking the wild raptures of spring, requires more careful listening. . . there are the voices of birds, almost unnoticed till we try to contemplate what an Indian-summer day would be without them. . . in the late, dark mornings of December, the Anna hummingbird begins its courtship, and in coastal California the song sparrow bursts forth with its nuptial song. Nature seems ever to be looking forward."

OCTOBER MEETING

The 409th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on October 11th in the Assembly Hall of the San Francisco Public Library, Civic Center, at 7:30 P.M.. Following the business meeting, Mr. Wilbur E. Twining will show his "Sierra Nature Film".

The publice is invited. No-host dinner at Hotel Whitcomb at 6 P.M.

MRS. FRANK A. SCOTT, *Program Chairman*

OCTOBER SHELL BEACH TRIP

On Sunday, October 14, to Shell Beach on Tomales Bay in Marin Co. Here is a chance to explore an area which is slated to become a new state park. From San Francisco take 7:35 bus to Point Reyes Station; meet here at 9:30. Birding near the southern end of Tomales Bay, Inverness and Shell Beach. Return by way of the Olema marsh. Leader, Larry Curl, LA. 6-7004. Bring binoculars, telescope, lunch and interested friends.

OCTOBER DIMOND CANYON TRIP

On Saturday, October 27, to Dimond Canyon, Oakland. Meet at Dimond Park at 8:30. From San Francisco take 8:00 "N" bus to Fruitvale and Mac Arthur, and walk north (uphill) two blocks on Fruitvale. This is a joint trip with the Oakland Park Department and will be led by Paul Covel, Oakland Park Naturalist. Bring lunch if desired, binoculars, and interested friends.

A. LAURENCE CURL, *Field trips chairman*

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